

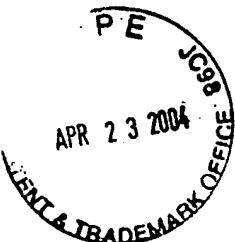
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In re Application of

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For: AUTOMATED CONTAINER BULKING SYSTEM AND METHOD OPTIONALLY
INTEGRATED WITH AUTOMATED DISPENSING SYSTEM AND/OR
AUTOMATED LABELING AND PACKAGING SYSTEM

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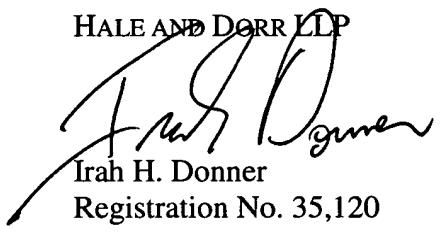
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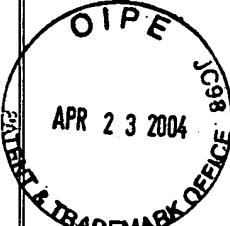
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